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FM AMEMBASSY OSLO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8813

INFO AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY HELSINKI

AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

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SUBJ: TEAMSTERS VISIT OSLO TO COUNTER GRAPE AND LETTUCE

BOYCOTT EFFORTS

REF: (A) STOCKHOLM 4454 (B) OSLO 4398

1. TEAMSTERS JOSEPH BALLEW AND JAMES HANSEN MET WITH NORWEGIAN TRANSPORT UNION PRESIDENT WALTER KOLSTAD, VICE PRESIDENT ODD BACH (A LONGSHOREMAN), NORWEGIAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION (LO) INFORMATION SECRETARY PER HARALDSSON AND INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION SECRETARY MIRIAM NORDAHL OCTOBER 4. DURING SUBSEQUENT CALL TA EMBASSY THEY EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH MEETING. LATER, KOLSTAD TOLD EMBASSY MEETING HAD BEEN INTERESTING AND SATISFACTORY. TEAMSTERS HAD PRESENTED THEIR POSITION IN DETAIL AND HINTED AT POSSIBLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THREAT OF COUNTER-BOYCOTT, BUT IN SUBTLE AND POLITE

WAY. NORWEGIANS HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN HEARING BOTH SIDES BEFORE MAKING FINAL DECISION, BUT REFUSED COMMITMENT, SAID KOLSTAD.

2. EMBASSY HAD PHONED KOLSTAD TO CONVEY TEAMSTERS' REQUEST FOR MEETING, REITERATING EMBASSY'S NEUTRALITY AND NON-INVOLVEMENT IN DISPUTE. KOLSTAD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN HEARING TEAMSTER POSITION AND, IN TURN, ARRANGED FOR OTHERS TO ATTEND. MISS NORDAHL INTERPRETED (EMBASSY LOCAL EMPLOYEE HAD DELICATELY DECLINED KOLSTAD'S REQUEST THAT HE INTERPRET, SUGGESTING LO MIGHT HELP).

3. TEAMSTER DELEGATION ALSO MET WITH LOCAL IMPORTERS, LEFT MATERIAL FOR NORWEGIAN TV AND DEPARTED FOR LONDON OCTOBER 5. EMBASSY IS AWARE OF NO PUBLICITY RESULTING FROM TEAMSTER VISIT.

4. TIME FOR ORDERING GRAPES IS NEARLY OVER SO EVENTUAL TRANSPORT UNION DECISION TO END BOYCOTT MAY HAVE LITTLE EFFECT ON THIS YEAR'S GRAPE IMPORTS FROM US.
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